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**UTAH AIR QUALITY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2002**

I. Call to Order

David B. George called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Board members in attendance:

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| John M. Veranth | JoAnn B. Seghini | Richard R. Olson |
| Jeffrey K. Utley | David B. George | Ernest E. Wessman |
| Karl F. Brooks | James R. Horrocks | Wayne M. Samuelson |
| Dianne R. Nielson | Dannie R. McConkie | |

Executive Secretary: Richard W. Sprott

II. Date of the Next Board Meeting

The next Air Quality Board meeting will be held Wednesday, February 13, 2002.

III. Approval of the Minutes of the November 13, 2001, Board Meeting

Jeff Utley made the motion to approve the minutes. Karl Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IV. Action Item: Banking of Emissions for Silver Eagle Refining

Presenter: Nando Meli, Environmental Engineer

Silver Eagle Refining is requesting an approval order modification to reduce their emission limits for NOx and SO2 and to bank the reduction. Since the refinery is a SIP source, they are required to have Air Quality Board approval before the modified approval order can be issued. The New Source Review Section recommends that the Board approve the reduction in NOx and SO2 emission limitations.

Motion: Richard Olson made the motion to approve the reduction in NOx and SO2 emission limitations for the Silver Eagle Refinery. John Veranth seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. Action Item: Wasatch Constructors - Emission Fees

This item is in transcript form and is a separate attached document.

VI. Information Items

A. Utah County Conformity Lapse

Darrell Cook, Executive Director of Mountainland Association of Governments, addressed the Board on this matter. Utah County has been out of conformity since the middle of August 2000. It is important that the issues that divide the EPA and the Division of Air Quality narrow very quickly and very directly. Hopefully, the conformity determination for Utah County will be on next month's Air Quality Board meeting agenda. Getting Utah County back into conformity is important in order to salvage this year's construction season.

Mountainland is putting together a long-range transportation plan from this point until the year 2030. They are prepared to put a conformity determination ~~on~~ on the table that will guarantee free flow of highway transportation funds from this point to 2030. They hope to separate the issues that make conformity the hostage of differences of opinion between agencies.

B. EPA SIP Update

Larry Svoboda, manager of the Air Quality Planning and Management Unit for EPA, Region VIII's Air Quality Program, presented this item to the Board. Utah has about 40 actions pending at EPA. Mr. Svoboda's staff handles items from six states; therefore, it's necessary to prioritize these actions.

1. First priority is placed on statutory requirements.
2. Second priority would be actions needed to prevent unwarranted actions (sanctions, conformity lapses).
3. Third priority is fixing up deficiencies that are identified which impact the integrity of a SIP.
4. Fourth priority would be state priorities and political considerations.
5. Fifth is administrative actions that are nonsubstantive.
6. Sixth and lowest priority would be items that, if acted upon, would probably impose sanctions on an area or throw an area into a conformity lapse.

Another item that impacts EPA's ability to act quickly relates to the partnership between EPA and DAQ. Also, the lawsuit on the new NAAQS has forced implementation of the PM10 standards in a way which was not anticipated. It was anticipated that the PM10 standard would have been revoked by now for all areas in Utah, but that hasn't happened yet. Finally, EPA is committed to assist in finding a solution to Utah County's conformity lapse.

Rick Sprott asked Mr. Svoboda to prepare a summary for the Board on the more detailed analysis of the status of Utah's SIPs.

Cheryl Heying, manager of the Planning Branch at DAQ, informed the Board that the decision has been made to pursue a PM10 SIP revision for Utah County.

David George commended Ms. Heying and the Division for the work being done on the SIP.

C. Monitoring Data and Status of the PM2.5 Standard

Colleen Delaney presented this item. All monitors are showing attainment of the PM2.5 standard. However, in a number of cases the measurements are bumping up against the standard. The Logan monitor is showing some problems. With two years of monitoring data available for that monitor, the averages are still showing attainment of the standard. However, the 2001 data shows the measurements bumping over the NAAQS.

Neal Olson of the Air Monitoring Center explained that recent storms have not been strong enough to break the inversion. In fact, the storms have added moisture, which is being measured as part of the particulate matter. Unfortunately, the real-time particulate monitors do not see the moisture. As a result, the AMC has underpredicted calling yellow and red burn days. Adjustments to procedures have been made to avoid this underpredicting in the future.

Mr. Olson reviewed other monitoring data for the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.